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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY SCREENS A VILLAGE CALLED VERSAILLES ABOUT POST-KATRINA REBUILDING IN NEW ORLEANS

Vietnamese Americans Overcome Obstacles to Rebuild after Hurricane Katrina

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library will host a Community Cinema preview screening of *A Village Called Versailles*, directed by filmmaker S. Leo Chiang, on Wednesday, May 5, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in the 3rd floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. *A Village Called Versailles* chronicles an immigrant community's struggles to rebuild in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. This event is FREE to the public.

Welcome to Versailles, home to the most ethnically dense Vietnamese population outside Vietnam. For over 30 years, its residents lived a quiet existence on the edge of New Orleans. But then came Hurricane Katrina, the immense piles of garbage and the shocking discovery of a toxic landfill planned just miles away. Watch their inspiring story as they fight back, turning a devastating disaster into a catalyst for change and a chance to build a better future.

Community Cinema is affiliated with the ITVS media organization (Independent Television Service). ITVS Community Cinema is a monthly screening series that pairs independently produced documentary films with leading organizations working to resolve related social issues in communities across the country. All films featured will broadcast nationally on the Emmy Award-winning PBS series Independent Lens. Check local listings.

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at www.sandiegolibrary.org.